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FOR S/NM AMBASSADOR VANCE FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, PA
SUBJ: CCINC FUNDS FOR PARAGUAY

REF: ASUNCION 5035

1. BY REFTEL THIS EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED A REINSTITUTION OF AN ALLOCATION OF \$12,000 IN OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FUNDS FOR FY 77. THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED IN DEPTH BETWEEN AMBASSADOR LANDAU, SAIC BOLDIN, AND MYSELF AS NARCOTICS COORDINATOR PRIOR TO THE AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE ON HOME LEAVE.

2. WE ALL ATTACH THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO A CONTINUATION OF THE MODEST SUPPORT WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING PARAGUAY'S NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT, AS A WAY OF INFLUENCING GOP TO A BETTER PERFORMANCE IN NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION, AND TO PRESERVE THE FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR UNILATERAL INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION EFFORTS HERE. WE ARE GREATLY CONCERNED LEST A TERMINATION OF OUR SUPPORT SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS, AND HOPE THAT THE FUNDS WE REQUESTED OVER A YEAR AGO IN THE NCAP FOR PARAGUAY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.

3. I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER WITH YOU AND/OR YOUR STAFF IN GUATEMALA NEXT WEEK, AND WILL BE GLAD TO EXPAND OUR RATIONALE AT THAT TIME.

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